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In All Things Love

Uniform Shop

Open on Monday and Fridays
8.30 am to 9.30 am

Playgroup

Friday - 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Out of School Hours Care

Daily Except Tuesday
7.30 am to 8.30 am
and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Tuesday

2.45 pm to 6.00 pm
Bookings essential
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Mass Times

Saturday 6.30 pm
Sunday 8.30 am English &
10.30 am Polish

Weekday 6.30 pm English & Polish
Except Tuesday
(check with Parish)

Newsletter

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STUDENT SUPPORT

We are incredibly grateful for all the Co-Educator support we have in our 4/5/6 community. Below, Tran and Sue are supporting students with their Literacy and Numeracy.



We acknowledge that our school is on Kaurna country. We recognise and respect the Kaurna people as the continuing custodians of the Adelaide Plains and pay our respect to Elders past and present.

Principal News

We are fast approaching the halfway point of Term 4 in what has been another busy and challenging year. Children and teachers are busy working hard to ensure all areas of the curriculum are covered in preparation for end of year assessments and report writing. Our children have done a fantastic job this year focusing on their learning while enjoying each other's company.

Curriculum News

I have included two mathematical challenges which you might like to have a go at with your child/children.

This week's Mathematical challenges:

Reception to Year 3

I drew a shape with 3 sides. What might my shape look like?

I drew a picture using only circles and squares. What might my picture have looked like?

Years 4-6

The Year 6 students said they were going to mark out a basketball court. Write down the instructions they need to follow.

A shape has at least two sides 4cm long and at least two sides 8cm long. One angle is 90 degrees, one angle is less, but the rest are more. What might the shape look like?

Happy inquiry.

Reading is another core learning area here at St Joseph's School. Children develop their reading skills, knowledge and understanding by reading regularly. At St Joseph's School regular reading at home forms a major part of homework set each evening. Why not create regular timeslots throughout the week whereby all electronic devices in the home are turned off and members of the family spend 15 minutes reading together.

Happy reading.

Transition Program for Preschool and Reception children in Preparation for 2023

This year our Transition Program for children entering Preschool and Reception in 2023 will be run over three consecutive Tuesday mornings; November 22, 29 and December 6.

While children are visiting on Tuesday November 22, parents have been invited to attend a Parent Information Session that will provide important information to assist with a smooth transition to St Joseph's School.

The aim of our transition visits is to ensure all children entering Preschool and Reception in 2023 feel comfortable, happy and familiar with their surroundings leading up to the start of the 2023 school year. The transition visits also provide staff with the opportunity to get to know each child and begin putting in place support programs in preparation for the 2023 school year.

Year 6 Graduation

On Wednesday December 14 our Year 6 children will celebrate the completion of their primary years schooling with our Year 6 Graduation Liturgy which will take place in the school hall at 6:00pm. Following the Graduation Liturgy, the children will travel by bus to and from the Watermark Hotel, Glenelg to celebrate their Year 6 Graduation Dinner together. Further details surrounding the evening will be provided to families closer to the time.

Wednesday December 14 will be the last day of the school year for our Year 6 children. All children across the school will receive their end of year school report on this day.

Teaching and Learning: Junior Primary Term 4 News

Year RH – A Huynh

In Numeracy, the receptions have looked at patterning and now are moving on to sorting. In the following weeks, we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes. Friday's numeracy lessons are dedicated to number formation. We will be practicing how to write numbers and play number games on Fridays. We have been practicing how to skip count by 2s, 5s and 10s. We are also practicing how to count from 1-100.

In Literacy, we are currently looking at different letter sounds. We are currently looking at the letter 's'. Every Monday morning, we talk about the weekend and the children draw up their recounts. Every fortnight on Thursdays, we will be looking at writing genre reviews/responses. The children will be asked to give a rating/review for a book or a video.

In Religion, we will be looking at the topic 'God's love in my relationship'. We will also be looking at what prayer is.

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Year R/1C & R/1L – J Craig & D Librandi

This term in R/1, students will be investigating 'What is it made of?' for Science. We have begun exploring the different materials such as metal, wood, rubber, glass and plastic. Students have already enjoyed exploring and investigating materials in our school.

In Literacy, both Reception and Year 1 groups have started learning about Reviews for genre writing. Our students will be exposed to different texts such as book and film and are learning to write a review for these texts. This will allow our students to use their voice and build confidence in sharing their opinions.

We have continued our 1:1 and group reading, and phonics instruction. It is wonderful to see how far students have now come since the beginning of the year with retaining the letter-sounds and spelling rules taught - which is being transferred into their writing and reading.

In Numeracy, both Reception and Year 1 groups are continuing to consolidate and build on their number and addition skills as a whole year focus. We have also started learning about Money. Our students will explore Australian notes and coins and also compare these with money from other cultures. Year 1's will be challenged to add notes/coins together to create a total.

Pupil Free Day – Friday November 18.

Our staff will be involved in professional learning in the areas of NAPLAN and the Australian Curriculum. Leader of Learning Louise Moody and I will facilitate the day where staff will be involved in NAPLAN Data Analysis to inform teaching and learning along with familiarising themselves with the new version of the Australian Curriculum. OSHC will be available for families who require the service on this day. Bookings are essential so please see Mieke if you need to make a booking.

English Language Class for Migrant Parents

Each Thursday morning 9:00am-10:00am, our School Chaplain Michelle Dinning facilitates our English class for Parents of which English is not their first language. Michelle is a qualified teacher who is well known to our school community through her current role as School Chaplain. If you would like to join the English class being offered, please contact the front office.

School Band

Our school band *Peace and Harmony* will perform at the Semaphore Street Fair on Sunday 27 November at 12:30pm on the Jagoe Street stage. It would be great to see members of our school community come along on the day to support the band. A reminder to all school band members to return their band T shirt from previous performances in preparation for this event.

School Master Plan Update

We have now moved from the Design Development Phase to the Contract Documentation Phase of our Education and Administration Centre building project. The project will result in the demolition of the current administration building and the construction of our new Education and Administration Centre. Much of the building works will take place in 2023 with our school hall set to become our front office/administration Centre throughout the year. During the upcoming school holidays, we will move out of the current front office building into the hall in preparation for the beginning of the 2023 school year. Demolition of the current administration building is set to take place in April next year.

2023 School Board Nominations

Nominations are now open to members of the school community who would like to serve on the school board in 2023. The school board plays a valuable role in school governance. The board also allows parents to have a voice in the strategic direction of the school. Being a part of the school board can be a very fulfilling and rewarding experience. The school board meets twice a term on Mondays at 5:30pm.

If you are interested in serving on the school board in 2023, please complete the nomination form below and return it to the front office.

2023 School Finance Committee Nominations

Nominations are now open to members of the school community who would like to serve on the school finance committee in 2023. The school finance committee reports directly to the school board and plays a valuable role in school governance and transparency. The school finance committee meets the week before school board meetings (twice per

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term).

If you are interested in serving on the school finance committee in 2023, please complete the nomination form below and return it to the front office.

Positive Mindset and a Sense of Meaning in our Lives

Meaning and purpose in life refers to how we construct and live our lives and greatly influences our choice of activities and goals, and how fulfilled we feel. Identification and commitment to goals in line with a person's values provides fulfilment and helps people to grow. Understanding what gives us purpose has physical and psychological benefits. Helping others is beneficial because it fulfils the basic human needs of autonomy, competence and relatedness. People who identify a source of meaning and purpose in their lives report:

- greater overall happiness and life satisfaction
- higher levels of physical and emotional health
- higher levels of resilience
- a greater sense of control over their lives.

Being a part of a Catholic school community here at St Joseph's provides us with a real sense of meaning in our lives as we are called by Jesus to share our gifts and talents as we work towards creating a better world for all people to live.

To learn more about how you can support the Social and Emotional Learning and Wellbeing of your child visit **Be You** (formerly Beyond Blue) <https://beyou.edu.au/dashboard/resources/fact-sheets>

Safety Around Ina Avenue Pick Up/Drop Off Points

A friendly reminder to ensure that for safety reasons, you park outside of the yellow lines adjacent to the school crossing on Ina Avenue when picking up/dropping off children. Drivers are also reminded that the disabled parking spaces at the front of the school are reserved for those with a disability. Alternative parking before and after school (along with school access) is available along Rosewater Terrace. The local council has informed the school that they have resumed enforcing parking regulations around schools now that Covid 19 restrictions have eased. As a school community we are seeking your support in following the parking regulations in place outside of the school.

Skool Bag App

To keep up to date with what is happening within our school along with upcoming school events why not download the **Skool Bag App** from the App Store on your mobile phone. Once downloaded simply search St Joseph's School, Ottoway and add to your Skool Bag page. Many of our families currently use the **Skool Bag App** to keep up to date with what is happening across our school.

In addition, our school website **News and Events** link is regularly updated to assist our families in keeping up with what is happening across our school.

I hope you have a positive end to the working week and an enjoyable weekend.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

2023 School Board Nomination

Please return to Shaun O'Leary

I wish to nominate _____ to serve on the St Joseph's School Board in 2023.

Nominee's Signature _____

I wish to nominate myself _____ to serve on the St Joseph's School Board in 2023.

Signature _____

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School Finance Committee Nomination

Please return to Shaun O'Leary

I wish to nominate myself _____ to serve on the St Joseph's School Finance Committee in 2023.

Signature _____

APRIM News

2023 Sacrament Program

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are preparing to begin our 2023 Sacrament Program group. Catholic children from Year 3 to Year 6 can nominate to be prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. I have checked our records and note that your child might be interested in joining our group. Can you please indicate on the form below your choices and return it to the office or email me at smccullough@stjotto.catholic.edu.au

We have no dates available for these celebrations, but families will be advised of these as they come to hand from the parish.

Every second year at St Joseph's School, students are invited to be a part of the Sacramental preparation program.

The Sacramental journey in the school context follows on from Baptism and includes the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Thank you to everyone who has joined the program so far. If you are interested in receiving an enrolment form or would like to find out more about the Sacramental program, please fill in the slip below and return to the front office.

Kind regards,

Simon McCullough

APRIM

I would like for my child to join in the 2023 Sacramental program.

My child is already baptised: Yes No

I would like to enrol them in Reconciliation

I would like to enrol them in First Eucharist

I would like to enrol them in Confirmation

Child's Name..... Class:.....

Parent's Name..... Signature:.....

Next Mass – You are very welcome to join us in the Church at 10am on Thursday 8 December.

Our parents and volunteers are an integral part of our school community

There are a variety of ways in which parents, grandparents and carers can become involved in our school community. Involvement strengthens links between home and school whilst developing a sense of community through:

- Classroom volunteering – please chat with our teachers who will let you know about any needs or ways to become involved in children's learning
- Supporting children and staff on school excursions
- Coaching a sporting team – we can help you to start a team
- Joining the Parents & Friends initiatives and/or the School Board
- Supporting school fundraising

**Please see the Front Office prior to volunteering for assistance with the requirements listed below:

Volunteer Requirements at St Joseph's School Ottoway

St Joseph's School provides a safe environment for all while valuing the partnership between school and home. As a Catholic community, we welcome and value volunteers. To be able to volunteer, and/or attend at other times throughout the school year, we ask that you hold the following:

1. **a current Catholic Police Check (parents/caregivers attending excursions, reading in class, helping in class, attending community events);**
2. **a current Responding to Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care for Volunteers certificate;**
3. **shown evidence of being fully up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations.**
4. **and have completed the volunteers application.**

A Catholic Police Check for volunteers at St Joseph's is free for our current parents and caregivers. Application forms are available at the school office.

We ask that you present your completed form with verification ID to the office, and we will submit the application on your behalf. You will then receive an email link to complete the process online. Once all cleared you will receive a Catholic Police Check ID card in the post, please bring this into the office and we will take a copy of your clearance.

This process ensures we maintain a child safe environment. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to apply for a Catholic Police Check through the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanking you
Simon McCullough APRIM
smccullough@stjotto.catholic.edu.au ph 84151100

Summary of what is needed to volunteer at SJO:

Valid Catholic Police Check

Evidence provided of up to date COVID-19 vaccination

[Responding to Abuse and Neglect Education and Care Volunteer Certificate](#)

[Completed application form](#)

Chaplain News

English classes on a Thursday morning

9-10am - in the Staffroom.

Please contact Front Office 8415 1100 if you would like to join.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Parents and Friends News

We are looking at re-establishing the P&F at our school. P&F was put on hold due to COVID but now that we have a bit more certainty with regard to isolation rules we would like to see the P&F once again become a vibrant part of our school community.

P& F members are Volunteers so you will need to complete the Volunteer requirements (see above).

If you are interested in being on the P&F Committee please complete the section below and return it to the front office.

I would like to join the P&F.

Name:

Phone Number:

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

Band News

Semaphore Street Fair will be on November 27th and our students will perform at 12:30 pm.



OSHC News

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

Welcome to OSHC

**OSHC is available on the 18th November 2022 for a school closure day.
Please make a booking if you require OSHC care on the day.**

Celebrating Diwali, children made colourful craft candles and coloured in Mandalas.

Children used the rose petals to make various shapes of Rangoli.

Rangoli, which means “an array of colours”.

The rangoli represents happiness and positivity.

Hermit Crabs are visiting from the Nature Education Centre. Last week the children observed the Hermit Crabs come out of their shells and walk about.

The children found the crabs fascinating, watching them surface from being tucked away in the shells.

Children are in a safe supervised environment; learning happens while children play, have fun, and make new friends. When parents use OSHC casually you will not automatically receive CCS (Child Care Subsidy). Follow the prompts on your **myGov app** –confirming that you used the OSHC service. Centrelink is just confirming you are using the service. If you do not confirm you will not receive CCS (Child Care Subsidy).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mieke
OSHC Director

Finance News

SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS

A reminder that School Card needs to be applied for each year.

If you think you may be eligible, please complete an application urgently. Application forms are available in the office, or you can apply online.

Online applications need to be submitted by Friday 18th November.

2023 cut off date for paper applications is Friday 25th November.

Applications received after these dates will not be accepted by the Department for Education.

To automatically receive Low Income Remission, on your School Fees, you must be Approved for School Card.

School Calendar

Term 4, 2022

November		November (continued)		December	
9	Talent Show Fundraiser for Fred's Van	27	Semaphore Street Fair School Band performing @ 12.30	6	Third Transition Morning 9.15 am—11.15 am
18	Pupil Free Day OSHC available—please book ahead	28	School Board Dinner 6.00 pm	9	St Joseph's on the Green
22	First Transition Morning 9.15 am—10.45 am	29	Second Transition Morning 9.15 am—10.45 am	14	Year 6 Graduation & Dinner
				16	Term 4 Concludes 12.30 pm